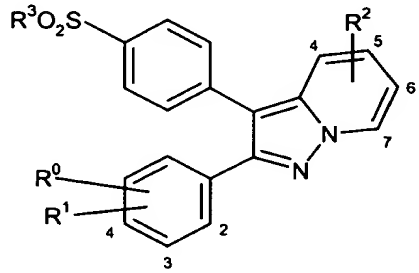
Abstract

The invention provides the compounds of formula (I)



(I)

and pharmaceutically acceptable derivatives thereof wherein:

R^0 and R^1 are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkoxy, and C_{1-6}alkoxy substituted by one or more fluorine atoms;
R^2 is selected from the group consisting of H, C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkyl substituted by one or more fluorine atoms, C_{1-6}alkoxy, C_{1-6}hydroxyalkyl, SC_{1-6}alkyl, C(O)H, C(O)C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkylsulphonyl, and C_{1-6}alkoxy substituted by one or more fluorine atoms; and
R^3 is C_{1-6}alkyl or NH_2.

Compounds of formula (I) are potent and selective inhibitors of COX-2 and are of use in the treatment of the pain, fever, inflammation of a variety of conditions and diseases.

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